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Timely Tidbits ...

Historical Society Hosts Flea Market

The Romulus Historical Society will host its annual Flea Market at Historical Park (next to the post office at Hunt Street and Goddard) on Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature items from numerous vendors as well as the Friends of the Romulus Public Library. Food and refreshments will also be available.

A few vendor spaces (\$15; must provide own table) are still available. For more info, call Gloria Chandler (734-941-2678).

Appreciation Dinner Benefits CUMC's Kren

An appreciation dinner for outgoing Community United Methodist Church pastor William Kren will be held at Romulus Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) on Thursday, June 22, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tickets for the spaghetti dinner (donation requested) will be available at the door, or may be acquired in advance by calling the church office (734-941-0736) or Linda McNeil (734-942-7520).

Golf Invitational Is Tribute to McGrane

A first annual 5-Iron Golf Invitational will pay tribute to the late Matt McGrane, a former Romulus Community Schools employee who was well known for his kindness and generosity to both colleagues and friends.

The event – set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, at the Thorne Hills Golf Club (12915 Sumpter Road, Carleton) – is open to four-person teams of experienced golfers ages 16 and over. An entry fee of \$35 per person covers golf (18-hole shotgun scramble format), a cart, and a light meal, plus prizes in categories like closest-to-pin and long drive. A 50/50 raffle (\$1 tickets) will also be featured.

To register (by July 20), call Jesse McGrane (734-942-1244), Carole Bales (734-532-1610), or Paul Filek (734-941-0787). Limited to the first 100 registrants. □

5,000+ Attend District Commencements

Commencement ceremonies for over 400 graduates of Romulus High School and Romulus Adult Education/Community High School drew more than 5,000 family members and friends to the RHS Field House last week.

William Musham – director of the Romulus Community Schools' Department of Community, Career, and Technical Education – welcomed the enthusiastic crowd that attended the Adult Education/Community High program on June 8, and presented certificates of appreciation to retiring superintendent Joel R. Carr, Community High School principal Al Wilkerson, and teacher Ethel Carver.

Wilkerson, who is leaving the district after 35 years of service, was pleased to recognize the 86 graduates from CHS.

"This is our largest graduating class ever, and I am very proud of all their achievements," he said.

Wilkerson went on to congratulate his students for helping their school earn the 2006 Michigan Alternative School of the Year Award, and for initiating the new national-model Ford Partnership Program.

Adult Education coordinator Sharman Spieser then presented her department's 37 diploma recipients as well as a group of 19 students representing the 64 adults who earned a GED certificate through preparation classes. US Army Staff Sergeant Marc Clauda presented academic recognition awards to CHS grads Melissa Joseph and Anthony Mays, and Romulus Board of Education president April Frayer and vice-president Celeste Roscoe assisted with the presentation of diplomas.

At the Romulus High School commencement on June 10, RHS principal Dan Hurst greeted another full-house audience. He complimented the 217-member Class of 2006 for receiving scholarship offers totaling more than \$1.1 million, and for representing the school and the Romulus community in such a favorable manner over the past four years. Hurst also commended the RHS Symphonic Band and director Henry James for their fine performances at the ceremony and at district/state band festivals.

Superintendent Carr, who is also winding up a 35-year career in the Romulus Community Schools, told the audi-



Romulus High School's Class of 2006 was honored by district officials, an enthusiastic crowd, and the award-winning RHS Symphonic Band at the school's annual commencement program, held in the RHS Field House on June 10.

ence that he has seen more than 10,000 students graduate from Romulus High School, and has overseen more than \$100 million in building/enhancement projects during his time with the district.

He encouraged this year's graduates to make the most of their education and career opportunities, and referred to his own two sons, both of whom have achieved successful careers in business and finance.

Valedictorian Jonathan McLachlan, salutatorian Carla Anderson, and Board president Frayer also gave eloquent

speeches that encouraged the graduates to set high standards for themselves in the future.

RHS assistant principals Don Foley and Doug Hoffman and class advisors Kathy Abdo and Charles Usztics concluded the program by presenting diplomas to the Class of 2006. (For a complete class list, please see the June 2, 2006 issue of *The Romulus News*.)

A list of the district's Adult Education and Community High School graduates, along with additional photos, may be found on pages 14–16. □

The Editor's Opinion

Let's Bring Our Kids Home

By Kristi Stephens

In 1978, when I graduated from Romulus High School, our district was in a real mess. Insufficient funding had forced the Board of Education to shorten the school day, eliminate athletics and music programs, and (at one point) eliminate bus service. Yet taxpayers, who believed themselves already overburdened, repeatedly turned down proposals for a millage increase.

Unfortunately, no one seemed able to work together to make things better. Residents and teachers were suspicious and distrustful of the district, and Board members and administrators were frustrated by the lack of support and understanding from taxpayers and educators. The growing rifts hurt everyone:

- the homeowners, whose property values were in jeopardy because their community was gaining a reputation for being a place to shun;
- the Board members, whose competency and commitment were questioned, and who eventually faced an acrimonious recall campaign;
- the teachers, who felt unappreciated and undervalued by both the district and the parents, and whose dedication to their charges was being called into doubt; and
- the children, who were being educated in a district whose programs were stripped to bare bones.

We've come a long way since then. After a lot of hard work, today's Romulus Community Schools features:

- an award-winning school board that has also received national recognition for the various education initiatives it has adopted;
- award-winning teachers who have developed innovative programs that bring county, state, and even national recognition to our district;
- a mutually respectful, supportive relationship between parents and teachers that has led to vastly increased parent involvement in the schools;
- award-winning music programs and sports programs that have been competitive at the state level; and
- facilities that are *second to none* in this area – especially in the field of technology, where our ratio of about one computer for every two children is absolutely unmatched.

Sadly, all this is in jeopardy now.

Once again, our district is facing dwindling financial resources, and has been forced to make significant budget reductions to make ends meet. Dropping enrollment, combined with the State's inadequate per-pupil funding, has left us unable to keep pace with rising costs.

Last month, the Board approved about \$3.1 million in cuts that affect nearly every department, reducing or eliminating administrative, teaching, and support positions; reducing transportation services; and curtailing athletics funding. Although I sincerely believe that the Board did its best to spread these cuts around and minimize their impact, there is no denying that they're going to be felt – in the short term, by the students and district employees, and in the long term, by the entire community.

How can we stop the slide *now*, before we reach the rock bottom of 1978?

First and foremost, we need to band together as a community to *bring our own children back to Romulus*. Every time a Romulus resident sends his/her child to another school district, the Romulus Community Schools loses about \$8,500 in state funds. That's \$8,500 that is no longer available to:

- pay our teachers, who are the backbone of any educational system; and
- employ the many Romulus residents who currently work for the district, either as teachers or providers of essential services like classroom and lunchroom support or transportation.

Multiply that \$8,500 by 700 – the approximate number of students who have left the district in the past few years, according to RCS Public Relations director Dick Kruse – and you have a whopping \$6 million that's no longer available to educate our children.

Of course, some of those losses are due to families who have moved, and others are attributable to families who want their children to receive a parochial education. But that still leaves hundreds of Romulus residents who are attending school in the communities of Huron, Van Buren, Taylor, and Wayne-Westland – each of which, according to Kruse, is raking in about \$500,000 of our State per-pupil funding. Charter schools, too, are sapping millions from our budget.

The long-term effects? Our school programs will decline. Our neighbors will lose their jobs and may have to move. Our community will become less attractive to potential new residents, who want their children to attend quality schools. Development will decline, and so, in turn, will property values. And the children of Romulus will be cheated out of their chance to compete in the future.

This is a situation that affects us all, regardless of whether we have children in school. So open up some dialogue; talk to friends and neighbors who may not have thought their decision through. You just may be saving our city ... and yourself. ☐

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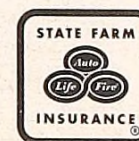


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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's Significant activity from Monday, May 22, through Sunday, June 11. (Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, May 22

- 12:03 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 15500 Brandt)
- 12:41 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 1:53 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 2:33 a.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 27400 Northline)
- 3:12 a.m. – Rescue (block of 9270 Middlebelt)
- 6:11 a.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 10000 Diane)
- 6:20 a.m. – Rescue (block of 39200 Barth)
- 9:30 a.m. – UDAA (block of 9960 Wayne)
- 12:02 p.m. – Threats (block of 28900 Goddard)
- 12:02 p.m. – Rescue (block of 7630 Merriman)
- 12:16 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:25 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 6780 Merriman)
- 1:55 p.m. – Threats (block of 36900 Chase)
- 3:29 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 34100 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 3:57 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 8280 Wayne)
- 4:25 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 4:27 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 28300 Leroy)
- 5:04 p.m. – Property Damage/Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 6230 Cordell)
- 6:23 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (block of 6170 Tyndall)
- 6:30 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 11300 Grover)
- 7:08 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 37800 Westvale)
- 9:55 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9470 Karen)
- 10:12 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35600 Stephanie)
- 11:26 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6300 Carnegie)

Tuesday, May 23

- 3:05 a.m. – Robbery (block of 8790 Wayne)

- 7:19 a.m. – JC/R (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 7:43 a.m. – UDAA (block of 14600 New York)
- 9:05 a.m. – Larceny (block of 30500 Ecorse)
- 9:48 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:19 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 27400 Goddard)
- 11:01 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 11500 Whitehorn)
- 12:18 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 8280 Wayne)
- 3:58 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 37500 Wabash)
- 5:03 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 5:54 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 38600 Cherokee)
- 6:00 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 6:10 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 6:11 p.m. – Threats (block of 27600 Pennsylvania)
- 6:14 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6700 Laramie)
- 6:28 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 9700 Lisa)
- 6:35 p.m. – Death Investigation (block of 34500 Wick)
- 7:57 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9310 Wayne)
- 10:16 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 11:19 p.m. – Fight (block of 34600 Lynn)
- 11:41 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 34600 Lynn)

Wednesday, May 24

- 1:31 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15500 Taft)
- 2:38 a.m. – OUIL (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 7:44 a.m. – UDAA (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 9:50 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 6840 Amarillo)
- 10:35 a.m. – Rescue (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 11:24 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 15500 Taft)
- 12:16 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 34400 Beverly)
- 1:51 p.m. – Larceny (block of 28600 Hildebrandt)
- 2:16 p.m. – Fight (block of 37300 Wick)
- 3:34 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 7100 Brandt)
- 4:23 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30400 Eureka)

- 5:30 p.m. – Robbery (block of 30600 Eureka)
- 6:30 p.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 34800 Michele)
- 8:05 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 15300 Colbert)
- 8:38 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27900 Arbor Ct.)
- 9:04 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 14400 Inkster)
- 10:38 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 10000 Diane)
- 10:46 p.m. – JC/R (block of 39000 Wyoming)
- 11:22 p.m. – Fight (block of 30700 Redwood)

Thursday, May 25

- 5:54 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8010 Merriman)
- 11:44 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6340 Beverly Plaza)
- 2:46 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35500 Wick)
- 4:54 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35500 N. Alexander)
- 5:00 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 8300 Cogswell)
- 6:14 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6380 Crystal Lake Dr.)

Friday, May 26

- 1:07 a.m. – B&E (block of 7330 Washington)
- 1:53 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 9450 Biddle)
- 3:10 a.m. – A&B (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 5:57 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 8:38 a.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 11:43 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 11400 I-275 S.)
- 2:29 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 9650 Wayne)

- 2:59 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 29100 Airport Dr.)
- 3:59 p.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 28500 Leroy)
- 4:01 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:00 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 39300 Buckingham Dr.)
- 7:12 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 9910 Harrison)
- 8:03 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 16300 Dodge)
- 8:44 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 10:05 p.m. – Death Investigation (block of 38400 Barth)
- 10:14 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 31500 Wick)
- 11:23 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 33300 Sand Piper Dr.)

Saturday, May 27

- 12:08 a.m. – OUIL (block of 7200 Wayne)
- 12:13 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 7300 Farnum)
- 12:36 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6060 Colorado)
- 3:02 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15300 Colbert)
- 3:09 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8200 Wahrman)
- 4:33 a.m. – OUIL (block of 11000 Inkster)
- 8:20 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6380 Crystal Lake Dr.)
- 8:32 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 5930 E. Maple)
- 10:29 a.m. – Panic Alarm (block of 28400 Meadow)
- 12:31 p.m. – Robbery (block of 35700 Van Born)
- 2:25 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 16300 Burton)

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- 4:12 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 16300 Burton)
- 4:45 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 39000 Superior)
- 5:47 p.m. – Rescue (block of 39300 I-94 E.)
- 8:41 p.m. – A&B (block of 16400 Ironstone)
- 9:01 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15600 Harriet)
- 9:19 p.m. – Rescue (block of 29400 Van Born)
- 9:23 p.m. – A&B (block of 5920 Chamberlain)
- 9:26 p.m. – OUIL (block of 32800 Ecorse)
- 11:21 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Brandt)

Sunday, May 28

- 12:33 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15500 Meadow)
- 4:13 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28000 Willowtree)
- 7:53 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5930 Middlebelt)
- 9:24 a.m. – UDAA (block of 35500 Smith)
- 10:50 a.m. – Larceny (block of 37000 Eureka)
- 11:28 a.m. – Fight (block of 31300 Ecorse)
- 12:47 p.m. – UDAA (block of 31300 Ecorse)
- 1:37 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 16400 Middlebelt)
- 2:16 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 2:52 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 9800 Lisa)
- 3:44 p.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Wick)
- 4:34 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 27600 Pennsylvania)
- 5:14 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5930 E. Maple)
- 5:28 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 29400 I-94 E.)
- 6:36 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 35000 Park Place)
- 7:31 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 5800 Cogswell)
- 9:47 p.m. – Fireworks (block of 13000 Hannan)
- 10:22 p.m. – Robbery (block of 30500 Cherry)
- 11:25 p.m. – A&B (block of 5860 Georgia)
- 11:38 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 15500 Oakbrook)

Monday, May 29

- 10:52 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9530 Biddle)
- 11:19 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5930 Colorado)
- 2:35 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 10300 Sterling)
- 3:38 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6320 Carnegie)
- 4:36 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27400 Ecorse)

- 7:52 p.m. – Fight (block of 6200 Edmund)
- 8:11 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27400 Van Born)
- 9:06 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 34600 Lynn)
- 9:07 p.m. – B&E (block of 16600 Brandt)
- 9:32 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 6380 Cogswell)
- 10:10 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 11:53 p.m. – Threats (block of 35600 Smith)

Tuesday, May 30

- 12:28 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 11500 Wahrman)
- 1:16 a.m. – JC/R (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 3:51 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 6:42 a.m. – Rescue (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 7:46 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 32800 I-94 E.)
- 8:40 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 16700 Glasgow Ct.)
- 8:59 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:37 a.m. – A&B (block of 6000 Georgia)
- 10:40 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 11:04 a.m. – JC/R (block of 15500 Brandt)
- 1:53 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 2:38 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7070 Niagara)
- 4:14 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 9800 Inkster)
- 4:41 p.m. – Larceny (block of 5820 Chamberlain)
- 5:30 p.m. – Threats (block of 6700 Merriman)
- 6:05 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 34400 Eureka)
- 6:58 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 8300 Villager Dr.)
- 7:52 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 9720 Marc)
- 8:37 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28500 S. Maple.)

Wednesday, May 31

- 4:24 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 6:24 a.m. – B&E (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 6:31 a.m. – UDAA (block of 6130 E. Alexander)
- 9:00 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (Henry Ruff)
- 9:46 a.m. – OUIL (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 10:03 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 6600 Washington)
- 10:42 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 12:27 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:41 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 7020 Carson)
- 2:08 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:09 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 31800 Smith)
- 2:22 p.m. – Fight (block of 37300 Wick)
- 2:36 p.m. – A&B (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 3:18 p.m. – Kidnapping (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 3:49 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 7320 Kempa)
- 4:08 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 4:49 p.m. – CSC (block of 6600 Washington)
- 6:28 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28400 Halecreek)
- 9:12 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 5940 Metro)

Thursday, June 1

- 10:59 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30500 Leroy)
- 11:36 a.m. – Threats (block of 35700 Van Born)
- 12:59 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6390 Central)
- 1:36 p.m. – A&B (block of 28000 Wick)
- 2:57 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 35600 Margaret)
- 3:57 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 16400 Oakbrook)

- 9:38 p.m. – A&B (block of 8360 Wahrman)
- 10:17 p.m. – Threats (block of 12100 Sharon)
- 10:34 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30600 Teak Ln.)
- 11:11 p.m. – Threats (block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 11:30 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6160 E. Alexander)
- 11:37 p.m. – Fight (block of 6000 Biddle)

Friday, June 2

- 8:01 a.m. – Death Investigation (block of 7970 Silo Dr.)
- 10:13 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15900 Hannan)
- 10:13 a.m. – Larceny (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 1:37 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 12100 Huron River Dr.)
- 3:14 p.m. – B&E (block of 7230 Farnum)
- 4:16 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect (block of 12100 Sharon)
- 5:12 p.m. – Death Investigation (block of 12200 Harrison)
- 7:42 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 28000 Bayberry)
- 10:16 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 7040 Shawnee)
- 11:22 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35200 Ecorse)
- 11:26 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 7040 Shawnee)

Saturday, June 3

- 12:07 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35200 Ecorse)
- 2:51 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6880 Niagara)
- 3:28 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 37500 Wabash)
- 8:52 a.m. – A&B (block of 29300 Northline)
- 11:36 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35400 Smith)
- 11:49 a.m. – Larceny (block of 32100 Beverly)
- 2:16 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 7100 Wayne)
- 3:55 p.m. – UDAA (block of 9500 Biddle)
- 5:52 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 33100 Annapolis)
- 7:36 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 27400 Goddard)
- 8:19 p.m. – Hazardous Materials Incident (block of 29100 Wick)
- 8:44 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16700 Braeburn Dr.)
- 9:09 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 38100 Westvale)
- 11:37 p.m. – JC/R (block of 7120 Farnum)

Sunday, June 4

- 12:27 a.m. – Rescue (block of 9860 Middlebelt)
- 2:26 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6970 Canyon)

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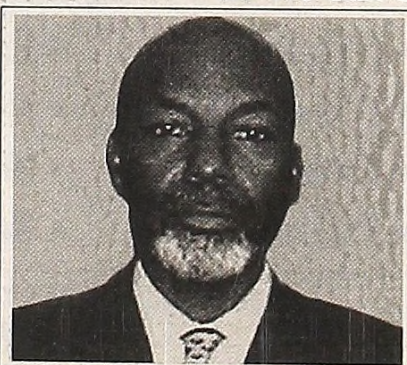
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Romulus Teachers Join Bus Drivers' Effort To Keep Newborns Warm

(From left) Romulus Education Association representatives Shirley Soltez and Cindy Bondy-Mullin presented an REA donation of 250 skeins of yarn to Romulus Community Schools bus drivers Evelyn Koerber, Kerry Vaughn, JoAnn Prater, and Lee Varga for use in their "Blankets for Babies" program.

Romulus Community Schools bus drivers who crochet baby blankets and hats, then donate them to area hospitals, recently received a welcome contribution from district teachers, who purchased 250 skeins of yarn for their project.

The donation from the Romulus Education Association will enable the bus drivers to make another 125 afghan/hat sets.

"We have made over 2,000 baby blankets over the past three years," said JoAnn Prater, the leader of the program. "The blankets are donated to area hospitals for all newborns, particularly for babies born prematurely. Many of these babies do not survive the first few days, and the blankets become a 'keepsake' for the parents to take home with them.

"We really appreciate the Romulus Education Association's efforts, and we sincerely thank them for their thoughtfulness," she added.

So far, blankets have been donated to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and Children's Hospital of Michigan, as well as Oakwood, Ann Arbor, and Providence hospitals. The bus drivers work on the blankets in the drivers' lounge between their daily bus runs.

Drivers who have worked on the project to date include Kathy Montney, Lee Varga, Evelyn Koerber, Kerry Vaughn, Helen Deverich, Eileen Holbrook, Diane Chapman, Nancy Daniels, Linda Madej, Sandy Tenny, Karin Laskaska, and Ruth Hopson.

Cindy Bondy-Mullin, Public Relations chairperson for the REA, explained how the teachers got involved.

"We were looking for a project that would have a positive impact on the community, and when we heard what the bus drivers were doing, we knew we had a good cause," she stated. "This is a simple gesture of time and talents, and is a truly wonderful opportunity to help a future student get a positive start in life."

Shirley Soltez, a member of the REA Board of Directors, noted, "This is the second year that the REA has participated in a community activity. Last year, we completed a project that supported Romulus senior citizens, called 'Hop into Giving.'"

REA president Jason Salhaney thanked his fellow teachers for their contributions toward the bus drivers' project.

"Our members continue to find great pleasure in servicing the Romulus community outside the classroom," Salhaney concluded.

The REA collected more than \$600 to purchase the yarn. □

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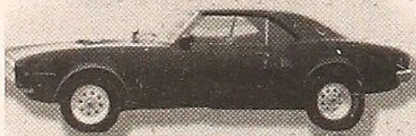
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- 2:53 a.m. – Fight
(block of 27900 Arbor Ct.)
- 3:06 a.m. – OUIL
(block of 30900 Ecorse)
- 9:56 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 28800 Highland)
- 12:04 p.m. – Trespassing
(block of 34600 Wick)
- 2:28 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 28700 S. Maple)
- 6:05 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 10100 Miriam)
- 7:49 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 39400 Commons Dr.)
- 8:54 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 6690 Merriman)
- 10:05 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 28000 Willowtree)
- 10:10 p.m. – Fireworks
(block of 6010 E. Maple)
- 11:42 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 9450 Karen)

Monday, June 5

- 12:46 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8500 Wickham)
- 1:20 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8500 Wickham)
- 8:47 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9050 Whitehorn)
- 9:52 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 9850 Middlebelt)
- 10:56 a.m. – B&E
(block of 36300 Eureka)
- 11:47 a.m. – JC/R
(no address provided)
- 4:25 p.m. – Panic Alarm
(block of 6450 Gloria)
- 5:38 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 15000 Colbert)
- 5:39 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 30600 Eureka)
- 6:00 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 15000 Brandt)
- 6:34 p.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 7170 Ozga)
- 11:02 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 6600 Rio Grande)
- 11:38 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 27400 Ecorse)

Tuesday, June 6

- 12:05 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 15400 Taft)
- 12:22 a.m. – Missing Person
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:34 a.m. – Threats
(block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 9:32 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 9790 Lisa)
- 10:15 a.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 28200 Ecorse)
- 12:39 p.m. – Failure to Return
Rented Vehicle
(block of 29100 Wick)
- 12:59 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6780 Merriman)
- 1:21 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(block of 7630 Merriman)
- 2:00 p.m. – Child Abuse/Neglect
(block of 38200 Barth)
- 3:56 p.m. – B&E
(block of 27900 Arbor Ct.)

- 4:34 p.m. – Fraud Complaint
(block of 5900 W. Maple)
- 4:38 p.m. – Property Damage
(block of 28300 Sequoia)
- 7:24 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 6380 Cogswell)
- 7:51 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 27900 Arbor Ct.)
- 9:44 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 35500 N. Alexander)
- 10:40 p.m. – Missing Person
(block of 11200 Wahrman)

Wednesday, June 7

- 12:01 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 27400 Wick)
- 1:54 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 11000 Harrison)
- 9:12 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 14500 Hannan)
- 9:57 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 37300 Wick)
- 12:30 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 6750 Brandt)
- 2:10 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 6380 Cogswell)
- 2:58 p.m. – Harassment Complaint
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:35 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 34200 Beverly)
- 4:48 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 28700 Leroy)
- 5:36 p.m. – Family Trouble
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:40 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 9400 Cogswell)
- 5:58 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 5980 Esther)
- 6:28 p.m. – CSC
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:36 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 33100 Sand Piper Dr.)
- 6:36 p.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 27900 Ecorse)
- 8:25 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 28800 Highland)

Thursday, June 8

- 12:25 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 11100 Wayne)
- 1:19 a.m. – OUIL
(block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 3:19 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 31100 Flynn Dr.)
- 4:01 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 5900 Second)
- 7:14 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 28800 Highland)
- 8:59 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 30600 Cypress)
- 10:42 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle
(block of 10500 Hannan)
- 2:43 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 9790 Lisa)
- 8:47 p.m. – Threats
(block of 11300 Grover)
- 9:22 p.m. – Harassment
Complaint
(block of 9790 Lisa)

Friday, June 9

- 1:20 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 8490 Wahrman)
- 9:17 a.m. – Larceny
(block of 6010 Second)

- 9:28 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 6320 Central)
- 10:21 a.m. – B&E
(block of 6320 Central)
- 12:43 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 9790 Lisa)
- 12:46 p.m. – Fight
(block of 35500 Stephanie)
- 1:24 p.m. – Trespassing
(block of 16800 Heather Blvd.)
- 1:26 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:59 p.m. – B&E
(block of 35400 N. Alexander)
- 3:05 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 27400 Northline)
- 3:11 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 9400 Cogswell)
- 3:54 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 11200 Grover)
- 4:13 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6920 Brandt)
- 4:18 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 35800 Sussex Dr.)
- 6:49 p.m. – B&E
(block of 34300 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 7:40 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 9440 Biddle)
- 8:13 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 28700 S. Maple)
- 8:32 p.m. – Overdose
(block of 9340 Wayne)
- 8:49 p.m. – A&B
(block of 16200 Oakbrook)
- 8:54 p.m. – JC/R
(block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 10:10 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 27400 Northline)
- 11:06 p.m. – Loud Music
(block of 27400 Newcastle)
- 11:30 p.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 13400 Huron River Dr.)

Saturday, June 10

- 2:17 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 34100 McBride)
- 5:24 a.m. – Rescue
(block of 8910 Middlebelt)
- 6:57 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 6780 Merriman)
- 9:06 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 15400 Anthony)
- 9:35 a.m. – UDAA
(block of 9500 Middlebelt)
- 10:09 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 15500 Taft)
- 11:15 a.m. – Family Trouble
(block of 16600 Brandt)
- 12:34 p.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 15100 Meadow)
- 2:59 p.m. – Recovered UDAA
(block of 5800 Metro)
- 3:03 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation
(block of 39000 Chase)

- 3:42 p.m. – B&E
(block of 9630 Washington)
- 6:05 p.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 35400 McBride)
- 9:05 p.m. – A&B
(block of 9550 Middlebelt)
- 10:03 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 30400 Elm)
- 10:49 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 9790 Lisa)
- 11:29 p.m. – A&B
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:36 p.m. – OUIL
(block of 35400 Wick)

Sunday, June 11

- 12:18 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6040 Metro)
- 12:29 a.m. – JC/R
(block of 11200 Gabriel)
- 1:42 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9270 Middlebelt)
- 2:52 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9190 Wickham)
- 3:28 a.m. – Fight
(block of 9190 Wickham)
- 7:26 a.m. – CSC
(block of 27600 Pennsylvania)
- 8:44 a.m. – Disturbance
(block of 9860 Middlebelt)
- 9:40 a.m. – Neighbor Trouble
(block of 5930 Airborne)
- 9:50 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 6010 Colorado)
- 10:06 a.m. – Loud Music
(block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 10:19 a.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 39100 Cherokee)
- 12:31 p.m. – Larceny
(block of 35600 Van Born)
- 1:20 p.m. – Threats
(block of 15500 Meadow)
- 2:05 p.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 15000 Meadow)
- 3:09 p.m. – Dumping/Littering
(block of 11400 Inkster)
- 4:39 p.m. – ORV Complaint
(block of 11300 Whitehorn)
- 5:08 p.m. – Felonious Assault
(block of 6050 Columbus)
- 5:38 p.m. – PD/MDOP
(block of 35500 N. Alexander)
- 6:00 p.m. – UDAA
(block of 11200 Inkster)
- 7:46 p.m. – Panic Alarm
(block of 10700 Harrison)
- 7:49 p.m. – A&B
(block of 31300 Van Born)
- 7:54 p.m. – Missing Person
(reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:09 p.m. – Disturbance
(block of 35200 Michele)
- 8:40 p.m. – Shots Fired
(block of 30000 Halecreek) □

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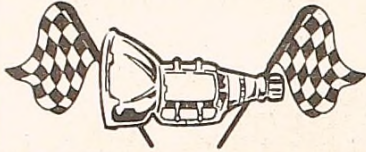
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REA President Salhaney Helps Two Students Receive 100-book Libraries



(From left) Fourth-grade teacher Jason Salhaney, president of the REA, showed off some of the books that he helped Halecreek Elementary students Christian Kilgore and Denice Huanosta receive from the Washtenaw Reading Council. Also pictured are Dana Kilgore, Halecreek principal Kellie Knight, and retired reading specialist Barb Jaszcz.

Romulus Education Association president Jason Salhaney, a fourth-grade teacher at Halecreek Elementary, recently helped two of his students receive "100-book libraries" from the Washtenaw Reading Council.

Salhaney, a WRC member, said he enjoys raising funds to help the Council service area families. This year, the WRC's Honor Council Project provided a variety of informative books, for ages pre-kindergarten to adult, to about two dozen families in Washtenaw and Wayne counties. WRC members and officers helped provide books and funding for the Honor Council Project. Curves, Scholastic, and Wal-Mart also

made donations.

"We hope to be able to serve 50 families next year, and help provide children with interesting reading opportunities that will help them throughout their academic careers," he stated.

Dana Kilgore, mother of books recipient Christian Kilgore, was very appreciative of the new 100-book library, and thanked both Salhaney and former Romulus teacher/reading consultant Barb Jaszcz for their assistance.

"The books cover a wide variety of subjects, and should really help develop interest and reading skills," she said.

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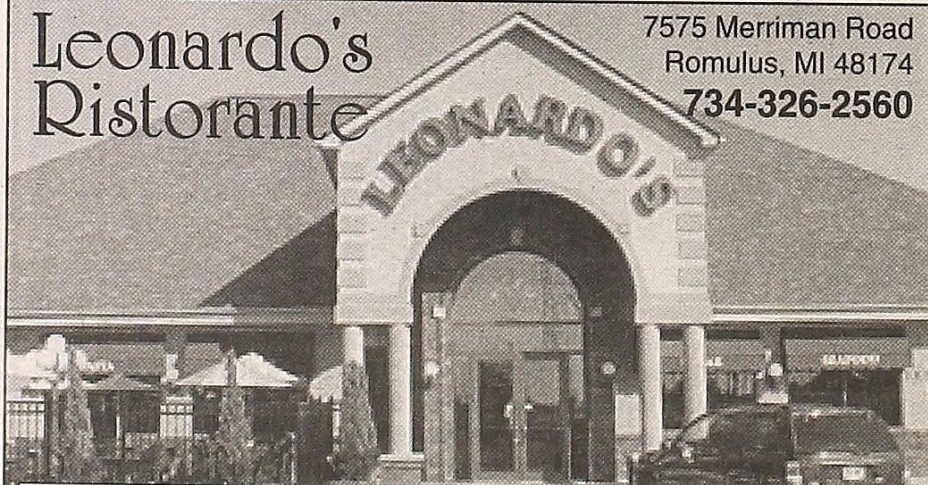
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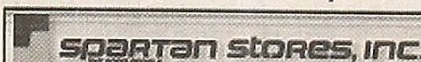
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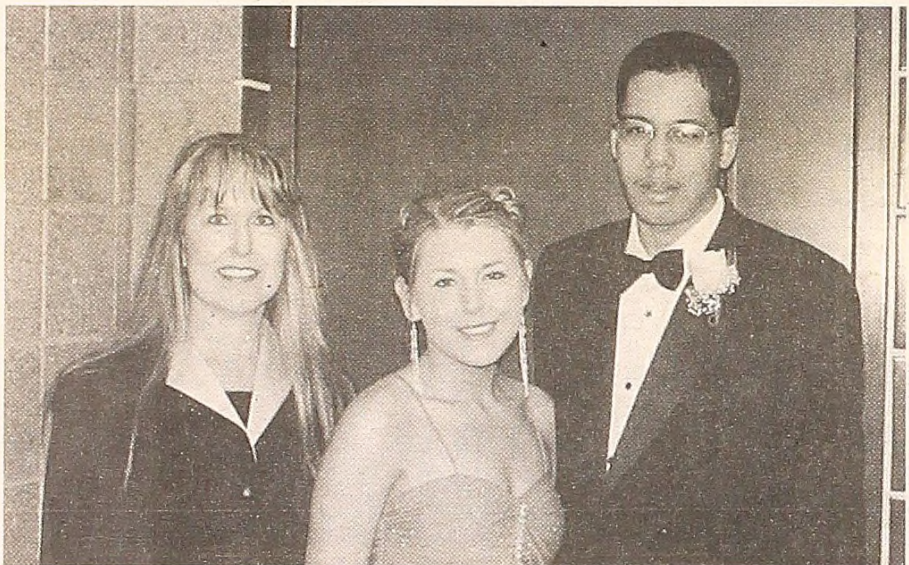
RHS Prom Toast



Romulus Community Schools superintendent Joel R. Carr (third from right) and Romulus High School math teacher/basketball coach Nate Oats (third from left) were among the district officials on hand to greet RHS Prom Toast attendees like (from left) Charles Krell, Brittany Barrios, Jessica Schaf, and Dwayne Robertson.



(From left) Adam DeLay, Megan Bearman, Jack Webb, and Kathryn Appel were welcomed to the annual Prom Toast – held in the RHS atrium on Wednesday, June 7 – by Romulus Board of Education vice-president Celeste Roscoe, trustee Cheryle Buckley, treasurer Niema White, and president April Frayer.



(From left) Special-education teacher Suzanne Snyder proudly posed with Sabrina Snyder and Timothy Reed.



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (right) and his fiancée, Diane Banks (left), accompanied Justin Lambert and Katherine Banks to the event.



(From left) Evelyn Koerber, Lisa Nastal, Jessica Wilson, Kim Wells, and Karen Kusibab – AFSCME Local 64 members from the Romulus Community Schools Transportation Department – served punch to guests.



Board trustee Betty Lenossi (front) greeted (from left) Chelsea Smith, Noeh Sanchez, Jaclyn VanMeer, Jeremy Trevorow, Hillary Emmons, and Dean Gilbert.

RHS Prom Toast



Other Prom Toast attendees included (from left) Brian Ely, Doloris Garry, Keianna Banbury, and Kamen Rice ...



... (from left) Sarah Chamberlain, Benjamin DeFelice, Jennifer Hunter, and William Lukas ...



... (from left) Zack Willey, Jamie Molic, Amber Gondek, Jamal DuCharme, Terry Adams, and Danielle Keller ...



... (from left) Tricia Wanamaker, Thomas Rutherford, Monet McCroan, Mario Edwards, and Beverly Studstill ...



... (from left) Kevanna Smith, Tommie Clark, Riva Inman, and Steven Thomas ...

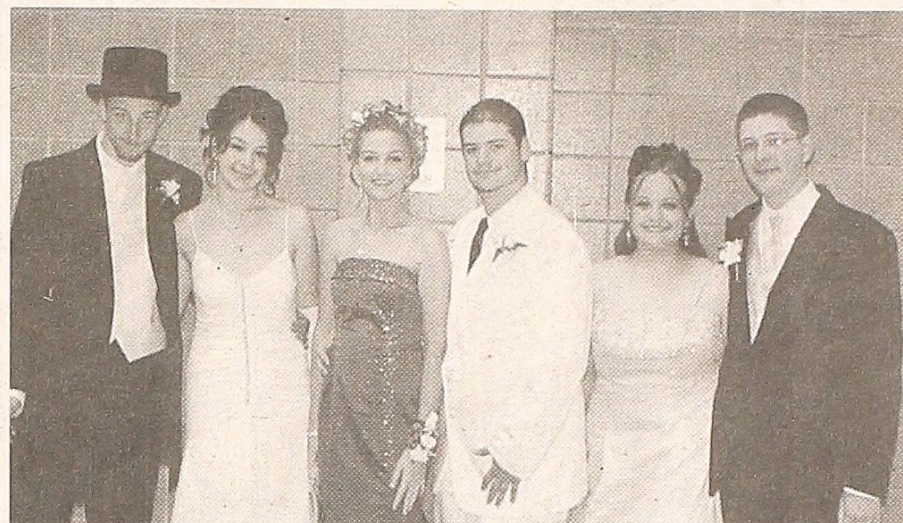


... and (from left) front – Rusty Harris and Bradley Bills; back – Lindsay Beregsasy, Justin Cox, Jennifer Lammers, and Benjamin Holman.

RHS Prom Toast



Also at the Prom Toast were (from left) Willie Anderson, Jazzma Gibbs, Desiree McCray, Corey Williams, Bianca Talbert, and Van Hawkins ...



... (from left) Jonathan Rafalski, Kacie Mennie, Karlie Potts, Kyle Hardoin, Jessica Sears, and Justin Kuderik ...



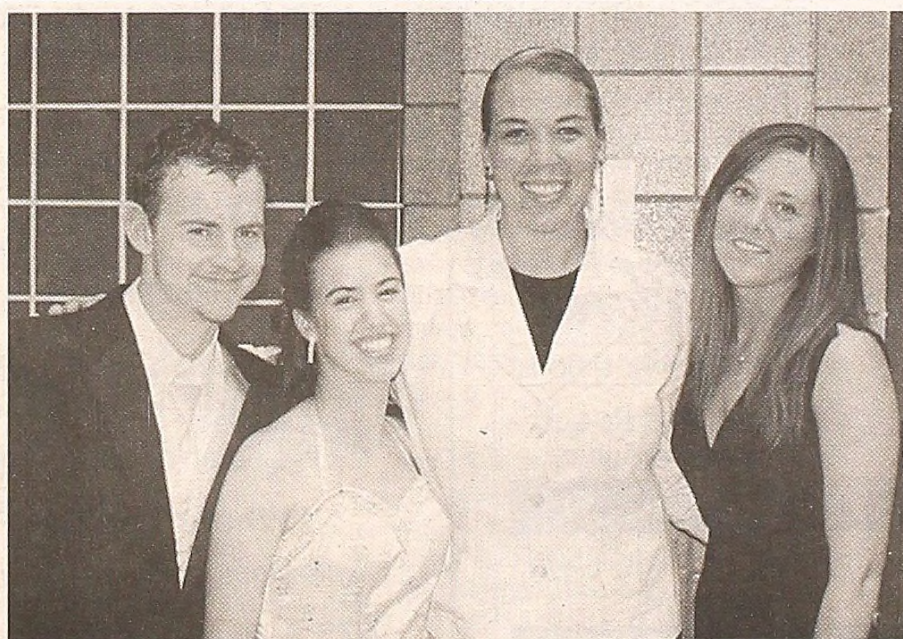
... (from left) Christopher Lucaj, Anisa Rakic, Samina Haq, and Brian DeMoisey ...



... (from left) Jarran Booker, Marquis Nelson, Jacell Green, and Chrisma Nathaniel ...



... (from left) Rodney Rodge, Merrika Brown, Angelica Crawford, and Alex Fudge ...

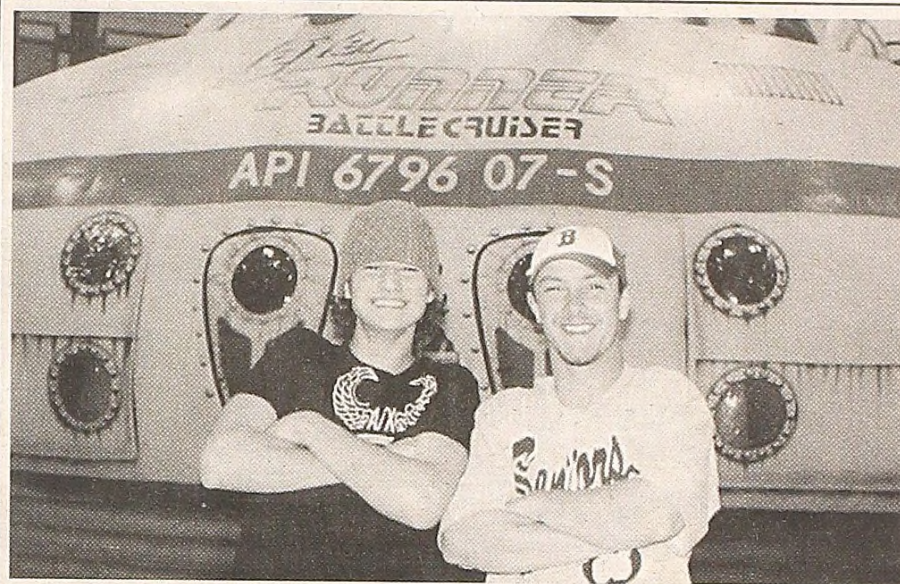


... and (from left) Ron Kreutzer, Krista Smith, Robyn Golden, and Stefani Carpenter.

Senior All-Night Party



Members of Romulus High School's Class of 2006 – including (from left) Brittini Brown, Carl Gillespie, Monica Wells, and Stephanie Williams – thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the annual Senior All-Night Party, which featured activities like making your own music video.



Christopher Lucaj and Brian DeMoisey were ready to check out the Lazer Runner Battle Cruiser.



(From left) Katrina Cutliff, Jonathan McLachlan, Monet McCroan, Adam DeLay, Megan Bearman, and Cecily Ricer donned leis for the All-Night Party luau.



Also ready for the luau were: (from left) front – Jillian Gray, Brittini Brown, Brittany Howard, and Angelica Crawford; back – Siera Stewart, Tommeka Johnson, Louise Whitfield, and Carl Gillespie.

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RES Kids Take Part in Video Conference



Romulus Elementary students who participated in the Michigan Week Video Exchange Program included (front, from left) Dustin Ward, Donte Elliott, Kayla Tucker, and Delvon Crawford. Also pictured are (back, from left) Jill Devers (fourth-grade teacher), Floyd Burton, Steve Michael (Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency representative), and Roxanne Kucharski (media tech).

Students in Jill Devers' fourth-grade class at Romulus Elementary recently

took part in a special Michigan Week video conference. The Michigan Exchange project was coordinated by an organization called TWICE – Two-Way Interactive Connection Education.

Dick Kruse, Public Relations director for the Romulus Community Schools, explained how the project began.

"Steve Michael from Wayne County RESA brought along his \$8,000 adapter and connected it to a monitor at Romulus Elementary," he said. "He then dialed in Pine Ridge Christian Elementary School in Holland, Michigan.

"The schools were able to exchange informational presentations and ask each other questions," he added.

Romulus Elementary students provided a 15-minute "tour" of their school, the City of Romulus, and the surrounding area. Holland students did a presentation called "H is for Holland" based on the book, *M is for Mitten*.

RES media tech Roxanne Kucharski reported, "The students learned about each other's favorite subject in school, their favorite Detroit Pistons basketball players, and how much recess they got.

"It was an incredible experience for everyone involved," she concluded.

Romulus Elementary School principal Lynne Mossoian was pleased that her students got to take part in this point-to-point video conference.

"Technology in the Romulus Community Schools is really top-notch," said Mossoian. "We were glad to have students experience this unique program."

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Romulus Community Schools officials who presided over Romulus High School's annual graduation program on June 10 were: (from left) front – Celeste Roscoe (vice-president, Romulus Board of Education), Sherri Papazoglou (director, Department of Business and Operations), Niema White (Board treasurer), April Frayer (Board president), Kenneth Mientkiewicz (Board secretary), Douglas Hoffman (assistant principal, RHS), and Daniel Hurst (principal, RHS); back – Kathy Abdo (class advisor), Charles Usztics (class advisor), Jeffery Royal (director, Department of Special Services), Thomas Dolan (director, Department of Curriculum), Thomas Kuderik (Board trustee), Cheryle Buckley (Board trustee), Betty Lenossi (Board trustee), Joel R. Carr (superintendent), Edward Clark (director, Department of Human Resources), and Don Foley

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Community High School – Class of 2006

- Rashonda Allen
- Amanda Bailey
- Whisper Banks
- Brittany Barrios
- William Bearden
- Christian Blackman
- Davis Blue
- Shaun Boyer
- Erica Brent
- Danielle Brooks
- Brandon Burkett
- Tenika Carter
- Darius Cooper
- Tyisha Darden
- Erica Davis
- Porsché Dawson
- Deral Dorsey
- Raymond Dubisky
- Jeremel Ducharme
- Danny Fairchild, Jr.
- Charese Ford
- Lord Fox
- Patrick Frison
- Jason Gibson
- George Gillespie I
- Travis Grandison
- Steven Gratiot
- Keith Gregory
- Anthony Grice
- Jared Hagerty
- Imran Haq
- Courtney Hardesty
- Patrice Harris
- Tiarra Harris
- Tevin Hayes
- Carissa Herron
- Christopher Hiltunen
- Matthew Ion
- Emmett Jackson
- Jeremiah Johnson
- Rachel Johnson
- Shantel Johnson
- Brittany Jones
- LaVon Jones, Jr.
- Tina Jones
- Kenneth Jordan, Jr.
- Melissa Joseph
- Jeffrey Kelsey
- Alesha Kuhn
- Alexandria Kuhn
- Jeffrey Kurzyniec
- Justin Larry
- Cierra Love
- Anthony Mays
- Myesha McCall
- Fidèle Mills
- Cory Mortzfield
- Olivia Murphy
- Anthony Nash
- Donald Ngai
- Ronnie Odom, Jr.
- Ashley Parker
- Dennis Parks
- Trenita Price
- Jaclin Prieur
- LaTaris Rucker
- John Sandefur



Romulus High School faculty members who assisted with the school's commencement program were: (from left) front – Stefanie Carpenter, Serena Kessler, Rosa Russenberger, Natalie Hall, Alexia Mancilla, Liza Mockeridge, and Shawn Shiven; back – Suzanne Snyder, Micah Blaisdell, Shannon Collum, Erica Daman, Marilyn Hidenfelter, Amy Park, Melissa Carr, Karen Isaacson, Faith Sheptoski-Forbush, and Linda Poirier.



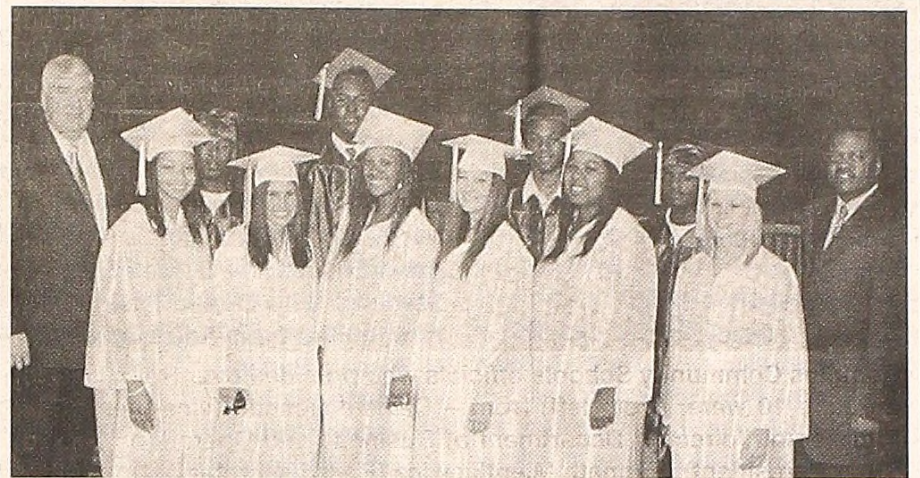
(From left) On hand to greet the Adult Education/Community High School graduates at their commencement program were superintendent Joel R. Carr and the members of the Romulus Board of Education: April Frayer (president), Thomas Kuderik (trustee), Niema White (treasurer), Celeste Roscoe (vice-president), Cheryle Buckley (trustee), Betty Lenossi (trustee), and Kenneth Mientkiewicz (secretary).

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2006 Commencements



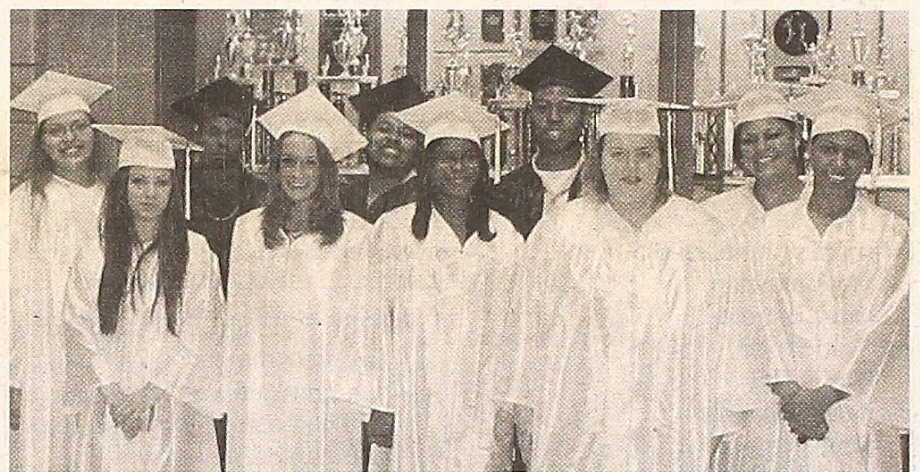
Romulus Board of Education trustees Betty Lenossi (second from left) and Cheryl Buckley (second from right) congratulated Romulus High School graduates (from left) Lindsay Beregsasy (Scholar-Athlete of the Year), Jennifer Hunter, and track scholarship recipients Landria Buckley (Howard University) and Brittany Howard (Michigan State University).



Community High School principal Al Wilkerson (left) and Dean of Students Reginald Grantham (right) were pleased to present some of the school's recent graduates: (from left) front – Rashonda Allen, Amanda Bailey, Whisper Banks, Brittany Barrios, Erica Brent, and Danielle Brooks; back – William Bearden, Christian Blackman, Davis Blue, and Shaun Boyer.



Board of Education vice-president Celeste Roscoe (second from right) congratulated Romulus High School Class of 2006 graduates (from left) Justin Maupin, Joshua Sawdy, and Dennis Suiter at the commencement program.



Those who earned a high-school diploma through Adult Education included: (from left) front – Rachael Clift, Teresa White, LaTasha Hudson, Stacy Coffey, and Nina Sealie; back – Jacklyn Liford, Aaron Frazier, Leo Sutton, Victor Stanley, and Bianca Barrera.



(From left) Board trustee Thomas Kuderik expressed his best wishes to RHS grads Jessica Sears, Kristina Ball, and Anthony Glimps.



US Army Sergeant Marc Clauda (center) presented a Scholar-Athlete Award to Anthony Mays and Melissa Joseph.

5,000+ Attend District Commencements

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- Timothy Schaf
- Justin Schaffer
- Jalisa Simpson
- Candace Smith
- Raymond Solomon
- Anthony Stephens
- Michael Stump
- Thomas Styron
- Jessica Tatum
- Justin Taylor
- Michelle Tennyson
- Tikia Triplett
- Taneesha Turner
- Ian Vaughn
- Leo Weathers
- Sherika Wester
- Maurice White
- Noal White
- Traci White

Adult Education – Diploma Recipients (January 2006)

- Cynthia Caruana
- Rachael Clift
- Jacklyn Liford
- Edwin McCarty II
- Erica Pace
- Tracey Proctor
- Joshua Rice
- Taja Rupert
- Brandy Testa
- Esther Villegas
- Teresa White
- Timothy Witten

Adult Education – Diploma Recipients (June 2006)

- Julie Armstrong
- Bianca Barrera
- Raven Brown
- Stacy Coffey
- Antoine Douglas
- Aaron Frazier
- Marquetta Harris
- LaTasha Hudson
- Amanda Ingle
- David Johnson
- Jason Kopenhafer

- Kati Kovacs
- Darlene Nelson
- Mary Nunes
- Thomas O'Neill
- Antoinet Salisbury
- Nina Sealie
- Jason Siadak
- Jay Sluder
- Halbert Smith, Jr.
- Victor Stanley
- Leo Sutton
- Morgan Webb
- Dominique Williams
- Steven Youschuk, Jr.

Adult Education – Some of the 64 Students Who Earned Their GED through Romulus Adult Education

- Richard Burton
- Bradley Farmer
- Danny Hearod, Jr.
- LaShelle Houke
- Ashly Kiser
- Amber Letizio
- Timothy McKee
- Nancy Murdock
- Robin Rutherford
- Stephanie Simpson
- Tiffany Stivers
- Katelyn Straight
- Rachel Strayhorn
- Brandy Testa
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Copies of the proposed budget will be available for review in the Romulus Administration Office (located at the address above) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 26, 2006.

Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary
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Community Calendar

- **"Fellowship" Carnival** – The Fellowship of Churches Carnival will be at the intersection of Wayne and Beverly roads the weekend of June 16–18. Ride-all-day wristbands will be available for \$12 in advance, or \$15 at the carnival. Hours will be 1 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and 2 to 10:30 p.m. on Sunday. Call Anthony Washington at 734-664-6371.
- **Preschool Story Time** – A few spaces still remain in the Romulus Public Library's summer Preschool Story Time program, open to all children between the ages of 3 and 5. Parents may choose between the Tuesday evening sessions, held at 6:30 p.m. through July 18, or the Thursday Morning sessions, held at 10:30 a.m. through July 20. The program is free, but advance registration is required. For more info, call 734-942-7589.
- **Youth Summer Reading Program** – The Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) has begun accepting registrations for its free summer reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales," which will explore the themes of wanting, choosing, and caring for a pet. Open to children in preschool through middle school, the program will feature story hours, prize drawings, and more. Kicking things off at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, will be "Beasties Down Under" – an interactive program that will bring the sights, sounds, and smells of Australia to the library. Other coming attractions include "Super Science Program," featuring hands-on experiments designed to excite and entertain children, at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, and an interactive educational program about wild animals presented by Michigan author Ron Meyer on Wednesday, July 5, at 1 p.m. For more information about this or other library programs, call 734-942-7589.
- **"Wealth Management" Seminar** – Isom Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (23612 Sumpter Road, Belleville) will present Ellis Liddell – known to many as the host of the ELE Wealth Management radio show – on Saturday, June 24, at 11 a.m. Bring a friend and a love offering!
- **Youth Summer Camp** – The PEN Enrichment Community Center will offer a youth summer camp (ages 6 to 14) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Monday through Thursday from June 26 through August 17. Participants will enjoy fun and learning through programs like reading/math time, computer time, arts & crafts, mini sports camps, recreation activities, field trips, and substance-abuse awareness programs. Lunch will be provided. Cost for the eight-week program is just \$50 per child; discounts are available for families with three or more children. (A limited number of scholarships are available for qualifying families.) A nonrefundable registration fee of \$25 is due by June 19. For more information, please call Ms. Wilson (734-728-1273) or Reverend Willis (734-728-1390), or visit www.thepencenter.org.
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions include: *Snow Falling on Cedars* (fiction) by David Guterson (July 10); and *Beasts of No Nation* (fiction) by Uzodinma Iweala (August 14). Call 734-942-7589 for info.
- **Golfing Outing Benefits Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force** – Sign up now for the annual Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force Golf Outing, set for Friday, July 14, at the Gateway Golf Club (33250 Gateway Drive, Romulus). An 8 a.m. shotgun start will be followed by lunch at the turn and dinner. Cost is \$100 per golfer. Call Marianna Tallent-Guzall at 734-955-4502.
- **Chamber Hosts Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Golf Outing fund-raiser on Thursday, August 24, at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne). Registration will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a continental breakfast and practice-range session; shotgun start time is 11 a.m. The event will conclude with a banquet/awards program at 4 p.m. Prizes, door prizes, and raffles will also be featured. Cost is \$120 per player. Call Karen La Belle at the Chamber (734-326-4290) or David Goodwin (734-287-2400).

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Capitol Update

By Hoon-Yung Hopgood

State Budget Moving Forward

The regular spring Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference was held on Wednesday, May 17. During the conference, revisions were made to state revenue figures from the previous January conference.

Overall revenues for both the current 2005–06 fiscal year and the upcoming 2006–07 fiscal year should be slightly higher than first forecast. The conference added \$41 million to the current year's forecast for the state General Fund. Meanwhile, the state School Aid Fund estimates are slightly lower than the original prediction. These figures give us a solid target as we finalize work on the state's budget.

On the heels of this news, Republican House Leadership pushed through its state budget proposal on Wednesday, May 24. Unfortunately, the Democrats were left out of much of the process. Amendments from House Democrats were not allowed to be considered, while amendment after amendment was added to favor special projects for House Republican districts. I did not support the budget, as it includes funding for special projects at the expense of health care and education. I am disappointed in the House's actions, and hope that, as the budget process continues, it is completed in a manner to benefit all of Michigan's citizens and protect our most important programs.

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SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 23, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum; and Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Mr. Carl Weiss was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/06/35 Moved by Lenossi, supported by White, to approve the Agenda, as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following actions for Board approval.

5/06/36 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education accept the employment of Marjie McAnally as Principal of Romulus Elementary School for a 210-day contract, effective as per RASA contract. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/06/37 Moved by Buckley, supported by Mientkiewicz, that the Board accept the employment of ShaVonna Johnson as Principal of Wick Elementary School for a 210-day contract, effective as per RASA contract. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. James Gragg asked if the Co-op Program was going to be affected for the next school year.

Mrs. Sandy Tenny suggested that we institute a pay-for-ride system for a ride home from after-school activities and after-school detention.

Mrs. Barbara Fortune expressed her concern with co-op cuts next year for elementary secretaries.

Mrs. Kim Wells stated that she would like to see them make cuts from the top, not the bottom. She turned in a list of suggestions, and felt that none of them had been taken into consideration for the list of cuts.

Ms. Cindy Coak stated that she was in favor of cutting lunch moms and crossing guards.

ADOPTION OF 2006–2006 BUDGET-REDUCTION PLAN

5/06/38 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, that the Board of Education adopt the attached Budget Reductions for 2006–2007. Further move that the administration inform those affected members of AFSCME Council 25, Local 64, and the Romulus Federation of Paraprofessionals, Local 3422, of their layoff. Further move that the administration recommend to the Board which members of the Wayne County MEA–NEA be laid off in accordance with the attached budget recommendations and applicable collective bargaining agreement. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/06/39 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary
 Romulus Board of Education

Capitol Update

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However, the Senate stripped the bill of all appropriations before sending it back to the House. The bill failed in the House, 1-99, and will now go to a House-Senate conference committee.

Meanwhile, the House stripped the Senate's version of the budget of all appropriations before sending it back to the Senate.

The Senate version of the state

budget is much closer to the Governor's recommended budget, and is a clear improvement over the House version.

The conference committee will meet this month to work out the differences between the House and Senate budgets.

Welfare Reform

The House passed House Bill 4309, which makes changes to Michigan's welfare program. While it contained some good changes, it contained more

problems. Unfortunately, even the good ideas are to be implemented in a way that virtually ensures bad outcomes for recipients, especially those people who need it most.

While I support improving and reforming our welfare system, House Bill 4309 has too many problems, and would cause greater hardship for many individuals and families. The most egregious section would create a 48-month

lifetime limit or a 24 month consecutive limit on cash assistance, retroactive to October 1996. This component alone could cause tens of thousands of people, including at least 20,000 children, to be purged from cash assistance on January 1, 2007. Therefore, I did not support the bill.

It was finally passed on a vote of 64-39 and now goes to the Senate for consideration. □

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 22, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 22, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President April Frayer.

Roll call showed members Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryl Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum; and Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Mr. Carl Weiss was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Frayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, requested that the Agenda be revised as follows: Move Item VIII E., "Energy Contract," to Item VIII C. under "Report of the Superintendent."

5/06/19 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by White, to approve the Agenda as revised. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

5/06/20 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2006, and the Special Meetings of May 10, 2006, and May 16, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following actions for approval.

FYI – RESIGNATIONS: Brittney Green, Child Care Giver, "My Friends & Me," Burton Center, Effective May 5, 2006; and Kianna Wimberly, Child Care Giver, "My Friends & Me," Burton Center, Effective May 5, 2006.

Bills for Payment

5/06/21 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Energy Education, Inc.

5/06/22 Moved by Roscoe, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education adopt the Finance Committee's recommendation to provide the Superintendent authority to enter into an agreement with Energy Education, Inc. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation – Lauren Kawzee – Adolescent Health Clinic

Ms. Lauren Kawzee, Director of the Adolescent Health Clinic, presented an overview of her program to members of the Board of Education. She also responded to questions posed by Board members.

Summer and Winter Millage Levy, 2006

5/06/23 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education adopt the Finance Committee's recommended levy for the 2006 Summer and Winter Tax Collection. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

State Aid Operating Loan

5/06/24 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to adopt the State Aid Operating Loan Resolution in the amount of \$2,750,000. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Surplus Equipment Disposal

5/06/25 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education declare the attached list of hardware/equipment surplus. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESA Budget Resolution

5/06/26 Moved by Roscoe, supported by White, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution in support of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency's proposed General Fund Budget, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Alternative Education – Cooperative Agreement with Wayne-Westland Schools

5/06/27 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education adopt the attached Cooperative Education Agreement between Wayne-Westland Schools and Romulus Community Schools.

Vocational Cooperative Agreement with Wayne-Westland Schools

5/06/28 Moved by White, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education adopt the attached Cooperative Education Agreement between Wayne-Westland Schools and Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook Shootout Contract

5/06/29 Moved by Buckley, supported by Mientkiewicz, that the Board of Education approve the contract between Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook Shootout and Romulus High School, as presented, at no cost to the school district. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Boundary Changes

5/06/30 Moved by White, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education accept the administration's recommendation to transfer the areas of Royal Village and Metro Mobile Home Park to the Halecreek attendance area. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Permanent Exclusion of Student from Romulus Community Schools

5/06/31 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education agrees with and adopts the recommended Decision of Hearing Panel rendered after the due-process hearing that occurred on May 5, 2006: that the Student did violate the Student Code of Conduct by engaging in behavior that was disruptive to school; constituted a false alarm, in violation of the building's rules and regulations; constituted assault and/or battery upon another person; and committed a criminal act. The Student's actions constituted gross misdemeanors. The Board further agrees with the Hearing Panel's recommended disciplinary action: that the Student be permanently expelled from attending schools within the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Jason Salhaney, President, Romulus Education Association, expressed concern about boundary changes. He stated that the staff at Halecreek and Romulus elementary schools were not notified in advance. He also stated that 90% of the students attending Halecreek are in the free/reduced-price lunch program. Mr. Salhaney was further concerned about the staffing of Halecreek for the student increase. He expressed concern about spending difficulties, and the REA's ideas about how to reduce spending.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board: 1) "Thank You" from Tom Dolan – NCA Visitation; 2) Thank You – Alberta Garrett; 3) Romulus Elementary Newsletter; 4) Wick Elementary Newsletter; and 5) Barth Elementary – 6th-grade Washington, D.C. Trip.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Cheryl Buckley commented on the Senior Awards Night, noting that students received approximately \$1.1 million in scholarship offers, and that the school district is very proud of our senior class. She also commented on the Senior Athletics Banquet, and congratulated the Athletics Department on the excellent speaker that they had.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi commented about the nice letters received from the students at Barth Elementary, who wrote about their recent trip, and also commented on the excellent speaker at the Athletics Banquet.

Mrs. Celeste Roscoe made mention that there would be a Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5/06/32 Moved by White, supported by Roscoe, that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and Frayer. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried. The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

5/06/33 Moved by Roscoe, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and Frayer. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/06/34 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Lenossi, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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Obituaries

William B. Brooks, Jr.

William B. Brooks, Jr., of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2006, at the age of 58.

The native of Manchester, Tennessee, was born on Friday, April 16, 1948.

William—a 1966 graduate of Romulus High School—was employed by Chrysler Corporation for 34 years. The avid deer hunter, fisherman, and golfer was a member of the United Auto Workers, the American Legion, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles (Belleville, MI).

Among those surviving William are his wife, Carolyn M. (Meyer) Brooks; a son, William B. (Marty) Brooks III (Lambertville, MI); 2 daughters, Lisa Marie Brooks (Belleville) and Danielle Joy Brooks (Romulus); his father, William

B. Brooks, Sr.; his stepmother, Charlotte Brooks; a brother, Barry Brooks (Romulus); a sister, Beverly Martin (Mena, AR); and 6 grandchildren.

Those who preceded him in passing included his mother, Betty J. (Howard) Brooks; a son, James Robert Brooks; a brother, Byron Brooks; and a sister, Brenda Brooks.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus) officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes to the Brooks family would be greatly appreciated.

Robert J. Brothers

Robert J. Brothers of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at the age of 58.

Robert was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on Wednesday, June 4, 1947. The Romulus High School graduate (Class of 1965) served in the US Army from 1968–1969 (Vietnam), and worked for the Ford Motor Company for 38 years before retiring in 2003. He was a horse-racing enthusiast and avid golfer who also enjoyed softball and bowling. He was also an usher at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI).

Surviving Robert are his wife, Antoinette "Toni" M. (Zaher) Brothers; a daughter, Melinda C. (James) Dotson (Taylor, MI); a grandson, Robert L. Dotson (Taylor); his father, Robert C. Brothers; a brother, Greg W. (Jan) Broth-

ers (Romulus); and a sister, Barbara M. (Tom Silva) Summers (Howell, MI).

Among those who preceded him in passing were his son, Robert L. Brothers, and his mother, Geraldine F. (Wilson) Brothers.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 3, at St. Aloysius Church, with Father Steve Hodges (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorials to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, the American Cancer Society, or the Leukemia Research Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the Brothers family.

Helen L. Swift

Helen L. Swift of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, June 12, 2006, at the age of 85.

The native of Mitchell Township, Wisconsin, was born on Sunday, August 29, 1920.

Surviving Helen are her son, Larry (Martina) Swift (New Boston, MI); 2 daughters, Marlene Spitz (Romulus) and Lynda (Dan) Hussan (Howell, MI); a sister, Carol Keogh (Webb Lake, WI); 4 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her husband, Stanley A. Swift, who passed away in 1983; her parents, Henry and Selma (Strack) Merkle; and a brother, Russell Merkle.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, June 15, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Frank Pies (Our Savior Lutheran Church) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

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